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1. Applicant's arguments filed December 13, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

a. The drawings filed on December 13, 2004 have been approved by the examiner.

b. The objection to the title has been withdrawn.

c. The rejection made under 35 USC 103 to claims 3-20, 23-40 has been withdrawn in response to the arguments presented by the applicants.

d. The applicants argue that the Kajiwara does not disclose assigning a plurality of code blocks on a code block basis to multiple MQ coders for coding thereby in parallel, so that the number of color efficient coded by each of the plurality of MQ coders is the same to the extent possible when assigning code blocks on a code block basis to each of the plurality of MQ coders. The examiner disagrees. Kajiwara teaches assigning a plurality of code blocks on a code block basis to multiple MQ coders for coding thereby in parallel (paragraph 134 and figure 6), so that the number of color efficient coded by each of the plurality of MQ coders is the same to the extent possible when assigning code blocks on a code block basis to each of the plurality of MQ coders paragraphs 114, 118 and figure 6).

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

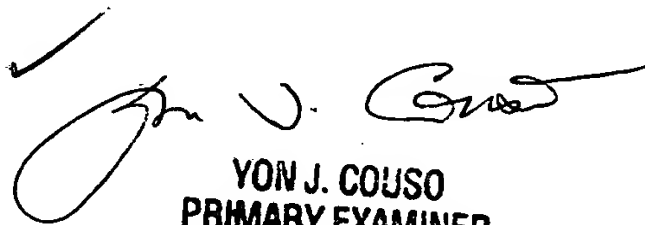
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yon Couso whose telephone number is (571) 272-7448. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta, can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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